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MRS. FAIRBANKS ACHIEVES VICTORY

Congress of Daughters De-
cides to Extend the Period
of Service of the Presi-
dent General.

Re-election of Indiana Wo-
man Seems Assured.
Stormy Scenes Mark the
Convention at Chase's.

Not more than half of the delegates to the Twelfth Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution were in their seats when the president general, Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, called that body to order, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Thereafter they struggled in singly and in groups, creating more or less confusion during the preliminary exercises.

Mrs. Fairbanks again won admiration this morning by the wonderful manner in which she performed a difficult—say the least—task. She not only displayed extraordinary executive ability, but proved herself a woman of parliamentary resources. To an importunate delegate Mrs. Fairbanks said:

A Ready Response.
"You cannot debate when a vote is pending."

"Madam President General," was the reply, "I was merely following the precedent of a year ago."

"Thank you, madam," responded Mrs. Fairbanks, "I am wrong, you cannot follow me when I am wrong."

Mrs. Fairbanks Triumphs.
A decided surprise to those who expect a fight over the office of president general between Mrs. Fairbanks and Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, was the adoption of an amendment introduced by Miss Virginia Miller, of the District, and modified by Mrs. F. H. Weed, of Montana, "that no executive officer shall hold office more than two consecutive terms, except the president general, who shall be eligible to two consecutive terms, regardless of her previous service on the national board."

This "except the president general" raised a slight storm of protest, but this was dispelled by Mrs. Donald McLean, who, sweeping half way down the aisle, declared that she had no intention of opposing the amendment as modified, and desired so to go on record.

Her statement was greeted with applause, and Mrs. Fairbanks' friends were jubilant.

The result of the vote—442 to 68—was announced amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. The New York delegation formed the bulk of the opposition, but Mrs. McLean refused to vote on the amendment. There seems no doubt that Mrs. Fairbanks will succeed herself as president general.

A Jubilant Partisan.
"Oh, I'm so happy I'd like to scream," cried one fair partisan, who occupied a seat on the stage.

The storm broke, however, on an amendment to extend the limit of service to the national treasurer. One delegate asserted that such a procedure would constitute a monopoly of national office, while another thought that the attendance and interest at national meetings would be decreased.

Mrs. McLean Amused.
Much confusion arose. The amendment was worded in a manner that would have annulled the former amendment extending the service of the president general.

The affirmative side had been counted when a delegate discovered this and Mrs. Weed moved that the amendment be laid on the table. The motion was carried.

When Mrs. McLean rose to a point of order, she asserted that in the midst of a vote a motion to table the amendment was not in order. The parliamentarian decided that it was, whereupon Mrs. McLean exclaimed:

"Then I would say that our rules are being made so severe that the harmony of the convention is in danger. The convention is so confused that many of those who voted to pass the amendment now vote to table it."

"That's really too bad," said Mrs. Fairbanks, amid great laughter.

Mrs. Draper then suggested that as the amendment could be called from the table at any time during the session of

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.
There will be rain tonight in the lower Mississippi valley, and rain Wednesday in the east Gulf States, Tennessee and southern Kentucky. There will be snow tonight in interior New York, and locally in Pennsylvania.

Temperatures will change but little. On the New England and middle Atlantic Coast the winds will be light west to northwest; on the south Atlantic Coast light to fresh north to northeast, and on the east Gulf Coast light to fresh northeasterly.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 35
12 a. m. 51
1 p. m. 52
THE SUN.
Sun sets today 5:47 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:40 a. m.
TIDE TABLE.
High tide today 6:30 p. m.
Low tide today 1:20 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 7:35 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow 2:02 p. m.

VICE GOVERNOR WRIGHT VISITS THE CAPITOL

Closely Watching Philippine
Legislation.

CURRENCY BILL ON TODAY

Thinks Senate Will Pass Philippine
Tariff Measure Before Close
of Session.

"I attach no political significance to the recent outbreak in the islands," said Vice Governor Luke E. Wright, of the Philippines, who arrived in Washington last night and will remain here several days to watch the outcome of legislation now pending which affects the new possessions. "This General Miguel, or whatever his name is," says General Wright, "is probably the leader of fifty men. Titles and so-called armies are made with great ease in Manila. The fighting is near the city. It is difficult to get these rebelling parties under control, but the Americans are gradually locating the promoters of the dissension, and in time such outbreaks as this recent one will not be possible."

Vice Governor Wright is very hopeful concerning the outcome of the Philippine currency bill and the Philippine tariff measure. He called at the Capitol this morning and was in the rooms of the House Committee on Insular Affairs for some time.

"Congress is kindly disposed toward the islands," said Vice Governor Wright, "but all the members have so many bills to look after which affect them directly that it is not strange that there has been delay in the action on the legislation for the insular possessions. Stable currency is the greatest need of the islands. But we must have a market for our products and hope that the United States will see fit to supply it by regulating the tariff. This country deprived the islands of their Spanish market and it should not overlook them in their present need."

RAILS SANDED AFTER TWO TROLLEY WRECKS

Another Jersey Grade Cross-
ing Scene of Accidents.

ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 24.—Two trolley cars on the Orange and Passaic Valley line crashed through the gates on the Lackawanna Railroad at Cone Street, Orange, this morning.

The first car ran into a train which was standing in the station. The second car ran into a milk wagon, demolishing it.

The street approaches the station at a gentle slope. There was no sand on the rails, and the cars slid along the track, despite the brakes.

The first car was filled with passengers, who were badly frightened, as a similar mishap caused the disaster at Newark last week, in which eight children were killed.

After today's accident the trolley company sent a man to sand the tracks.

**ON WATCH FOR SITES
FOR NEW BUILDINGS**

Members of the Senate Committees
Now Seek Good Locations.

Members of the Senate Appropriation Committee are interesting themselves in the procuring of sites for public buildings, not only those which have been authorized, but those contemplated in the general scheme of improvements for Washington. It is desired that the new suggestions shall be in harmony with the parking system for the District.

With this end in view, certain members who contemplate remaining here some time after March 4, in conjunction with Senators representing the District Committee, will make a comprehensive survey of the available property for the District improvements.

One of the latest suggestions is Haymarket Square for the Hall of Records, and this will be seriously considered and reported upon. A number of other sites have been thought of in this connection.

**MRS. WASHINGTON ROEBLING
REPORTED CRITICALLY ILL**

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Washington A. Roebling, wife of Colonel Roebling, who has been ill for several weeks, is not improved this morning. Her physician is unwilling to express an opinion as to her ultimate recovery.

Mrs. Roebling is a sister of the late General Warren and is prominent in the D. A. R. and in literary circles.

**FREE CIGARETTE SMOKE FOR
ENTIRE RUSSIAN DISTRICT**

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—The Bogdanoff cigarette factory was gutted by fire today. So quickly did the blaze spread that it was impossible to get much of the stock out, and 40,000,000 cigarettes, valued at \$200,000, were destroyed. The smell of the burning tobacco permeated the entire region.

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MANY DISTRICT ITEMS IN SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

Senate Wipes Out Extension
to Capitol Provision.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations today reported the sundry civil bill. It makes an increase of \$4,701,701 over the House bill and a decrease of \$1,272,000, or a net increase of \$3,429,701.

Among the items of decrease are those for the improvement of the Capitol building. The items of \$500,000 for the extension of the building and \$750,000 to begin an office building for the House of Representatives are stricken out. One other item of decrease is for the light-house at Mulkepie Point, Washington, \$22,000.

A number of increases are made in matters of local importance. For Freedman's Hospital building \$50,000 is appropriated, to begin structures that will cost \$300,000. For Garfield and Providence Hospitals appropriations are made amounting to \$100,000 each. An increase of \$93,735 is authorized for repairs and improvements on the Capitol Building, \$30,000 for an additional building for the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, \$10,000 for the National Zoological Park, \$250,000 for a new building for the National Museum, and for a new building for the Department of Agriculture, \$250,000.

Among other increases are \$65,000 for quarantine stations, \$1,175,100 for light-houses, beacons, and fog signals; \$200,000 for revenue cutter service, \$63,800 for Fish Commission, \$200,000 payment to Liliuokalani former Queen of Hawaii, \$55,000 for geological survey, \$283,000 for armories and arsenals, \$750,000 for military posts, \$126,500 for the various national homes.

The bill appropriates \$75,000 for the purchase of a site for a general army hospital in Washington.

**COSTLY FIRE WIPES OUT
SCHULTZ BRIDGE WORKS**

PITTSBURG, Feb. 24.—The worst fire in the history of McKee's Rocks destroyed the Schultz branch of the American Bridge Company early this morning at an estimated loss of \$200,000.

The Schultz works, previously to consolidation with the American Bridge Company, was known as the Schultz Bridge and Iron Company, and its capitalization at the time of absorption into the combine was \$200,000.

**WOMAN WITH GUN AIDS
SON TO ESCAPE POSSE**

Officers Find Bed of Alleged Murderer
Warm, But Man Had Fled.

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 24.—A sheriff's posse, which has been searching for William Frith, who, ten days ago, shot and killed two men and wounded three others at Eckman, W. Va., and escaped, surrounded the home of Frith's father, six miles from Rocky Mount, in Franklin county, yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Beauregard Webb entered the house to make a search, but was met by Frith's mother, who leveled a shotgun at him, and threatened to kill him if he did not leave the premises. Webb parleyed with the woman, and finally got the drop on her.

He then searched the house. The bed in which the murderer had been sleeping was still warm, but Frith had escaped. The posse is still in pursuit.

**BELIEVES HE HAS METHOD
OF INCREASING CORN CROP**

AMES, Iowa, Feb. 24.—In the belief that he possessed knowledge that would add \$15,000,000 to the value of Iowa's annual corn crop, P. G. Holden, Bonanza farmer, in Illinois, a position worth \$15,000 a year to him, was arrested at the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station at \$3,000 a year, and is now in the hands of the State.

Prof. Holden was taken to the State Penitentiary at Keokuk, where he is being held. He is charged with the murder of a woman and a child.

**ALLEGED KENTUCKY PLANTER
ACCUSED OF BIGAMY ABOARD**

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—An American named Fisher, who describes himself as a Kentucky planter, has been arrested at Budapest, charged with bigamy and fraud.

Although already married it is charged that Fisher induced a wealthy Hungarian widow to wed him and then absconded with her fortune.

MAIL CLERKS BURNED TO DEATH IN WRECK

Shocking Head-on Collision
on the Big Four.

WRECKAGE FIRED BY LAMPS

Postal Cars Telescoped, Trapping Four
Unfortunate Clerks—Passengers
Badly Shaken Up.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 24.—A head-on collision occurred last evening on the Big Four Railroad, near Berea. Passenger train, No. 25, which left Cleveland at 9:30 o'clock going west, collided with an eastbound freight.

The two trains were running at high speed. The engines were reduced to a mass of tangled scrap iron, and the cars were piled one on top of another until the mass of debris was 40 feet high.

The wreckage caught fire, and many of the cars were reduced to smoldering ruins.

Four persons lost their lives; all were mail clerks who were imprisoned in one of their cars and burned to death. One of the clerks escaped from the car and was found in a ditch beside the tracks. He died before medical aid could be summoned.

The passenger train consisted of two mail cars, one combination baggage car, one day coach, and three sleepers.

Mail Cars Telescoped.
When the collision occurred the two mail cars were telescoped by the engine and caught fire from the lamps inside the cars. The latter burned like tinder. The flames spread to the rest of the wreckage, which was piled high on each side of the track.

The dead:
W. H. BLACKWELL, head mail clerk, of Cleveland; burned to death in his car.
L. M. WILKINSON, mail clerk, of Cleveland, burned and bruised; died from injuries.

F. W. GRISMAN, Cleveland, mail clerk; burned to death in his car.
T. W. SMILEY, mail clerk, Cleveland; died from death.

Seriously injured:
John Ferguson, engineer of the passenger train, internally injured; taken to hospital on relief train.

William Fish, engineer of the passenger train, taken to Cleveland Charity Hospital in serious condition.

Joe Coulter, express messenger, pinned between boxes and packages.

Two other men, names unknown, taken to Charity Hospital.

Snow thrown on the burning wreckage by passengers probably saved many of those temporarily imprisoned from death in the flames.

COLORADO HERO CALLS UPON THE PRESIDENT

Leo L. Loeb Seeks Recognition
of Valor.

A White House caller today was Leo L. Loeb, not a relative of the secretary to the President, but a Western young man who is known as "the Paul Revere of Colorado."

In the great flood in that State last August, in consequence of a cloudburst above Green Mountain Lake, Loeb proved his quick-wittedness and readiness for emergencies by a deed which was credited with having saved a whole townful of people.

When he saw the phenomena attending the cloudburst, with darkness suddenly obscuring everything and hail falling in a blinding shower of ice particles, he mounted his horse and rode madly the distance of five miles to Manitou, a town built in the valley along the river. He reached there in seventeen minutes and the people fled to the hills before the flood got there.

Letters from the mayor of Denver and other officials corroborate the statements made by Loeb. He is a partial paralytic and is seeking a place in the Government service here. With this in view he called at the White House offices, but was informed that he would have to make application through the regular channels of the department in which he wished to secure a place.

**BARNUM CIRCUS AFTER
ONE OF HUMBERT GANG**

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Romain D'Aurignac, Madame Humbert's brother, who is held for his connection with the notorious Humbert swindlers, has received a remarkable offer from the Barnum & Bailey Circus people. D'Aurignac has trained three fleas in his cell until they have become quite proficient at tricks.

The circus people have asked him to name his own terms.

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STATEHOOD BILL MAY YET BE PASSED

NEW REGULATION FOR
HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS

Senate Adopts Conference
Report on Bill.

Senator Gallinger today reported the adoption of the conference report on the bill to amend the act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia. The House adopted the report yesterday.

The bill as originally introduced in the House exempted churches erected outside of the fire limits as now or hereafter established. The Senate added that in case of existing structures the restrictions shall apply only to additions.

The act is further amended, at the recommendation of the District Commissioners, providing that no building shall be erected or altered on any street, avenue, or highway above the sidewalk the width of the street in front.

Section 4 of the act is amended to read as follows:

"That no building shall be erected or altered on any street or avenue or highway in the District of Columbia to exceed in height above the sidewalk the width of the street in its front.

Where a building is to be erected removed from all points within the bounding lines of its own lot as recorded by a distance at least equal to the proposed height above grade, the extreme limits of height permitted for fireproof or non-fireproof buildings in residence sections may be allowed, the measurements to be taken from the natural grades at the building as determined by the Commissioners.

"On business streets and avenues, as the same are now or may hereafter be designated by the Commissioners of said District, no building shall be erected or altered to exceed the height of 110 feet, except on business streets or avenues 160 feet wide, where a height not exceeding 130 feet may be allowed.

On residence streets and avenues no building shall be erected or altered so as to be over eighty feet in height, nor shall it exceed ten feet less than the width of the street or avenue upon which it abuts, except on streets less than sixty feet wide.

On streets less than sixty feet wide, and on streets sixty feet wide, and less, where a height equal to the full width of the street will be allowed.

"The height of buildings on corner lots will be regulated by the width of the wider streets, provided, that if said buildings have projections, such as bay windows, oriels, covered porches, etc., extending over two stories, the height of the building shall be diminished by the amount of the greatest projection; provided, further, that spires, towers, and domes may be erected to a greater height than the limits herein prescribed when approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

And provided also, that on streets less than ninety feet wide, where building lines have been established so as to be a matter of public record in the office of the Surveyor of the District, and so as to prevent the lawful erection of any building in advance of said lines, the width of the street, in so far as it controls the height of buildings under this law, may be held to be the distance between said building lines.

On blocks immediately adjacent to public buildings, or to the site of any public buildings for which plans have been prepared and money appropriated at the time of application for the permit, the height shall be regulated by a schedule adopted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Other amendments prescribe that no wooden or frame building intended for human habitation shall exceed three stories, or forty feet to the roof.

The height of all buildings shall be measured from the level of the sidewalk opposite the middle of the front of the building to the highest point of the roof. If the building has more than one front the height shall be measured from the mean elevation of the sidewalk at the street corners. No parapet walls shall extend above the limit of height.

**MRS. WELLER LECTURES
IN HUSBAND'S STEAD**

Work of Associated Charities Shown in
Pictures.

The attendance at the regular meeting of the Eckington Citizens' Association was not large, though about 400 people listened to the illustrated lecture on the work of the Associated Charities given by Mrs. Charles F. Weller. The president of the association, William G. Henderson, presided.

Secretary C. F. Weller, of the Associated Charities, had intended to give the lecture, but was compelled to be absent from the city. Mrs. Weller took his place. The views shown to the audience depicted the poverty and wretchedness of the poor and some means taken to relieve suffering.

TO JOIN AMERICAN NAVY.

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—Former Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, brother of the former crown prince of Saxony, has telegraphed to his parents at Salzburg that he intends to become an officer in the United States Navy.

Democrats in Caucus, How-
ever, Vote to Oppose Re-
publican Compromise, and
Issue Depends on Unity.

Will Force Fight on Hoar-
Littlefield "Trust-Buster,"
and May Make Last Stand
on Postoffice Rider.

The caucus of Democratic Senators this morning rejected the compromise Statehood bill offered by the Republicans, and agreed that nothing short of the omnibus Statehood bill would be acceptable. With this end in view the caucus authorized the Democratic members of the Postoffice Committee to investigate the question whether enough Republicans could be found to join with the Democrats and vote the Statehood rider on the postoffice appropriation bill.

The most important action taken by the caucus was the determination to force the issue on the amended Hoar-Littlefield trust-buster. Senator Blackburn was authorized and directed to call up that bill and insist upon its passage, but, of course, with the Republican opposition to it the bill has no chance of enactment.

No reference whatever was made in the caucus to either of the pending treaties, and the situation as regards them, it was stated, was unchanged.

It is improbable that the committee of investigation will find enough Republicans willing to join them on the postoffice bill rider, for even before the Statehood Republicans left their Democratic allies, which they practically did yesterday, when the compromise was agreed upon, there was grave doubt that the rider could command enough votes to engraft it. With the Republicans lined up on the compromise bill, the thirty-three Democrats are practically alone, and, in addition, two of them—Messrs. Tillman and Bacon—are known to oppose the omnibus bill, while others will vote to sustain the Senate rule forbidding general legislation on an appropriation bill.

Whether or not the Democrats will make a last stand on the postoffice rider and drop the Statehood question when the vote is had on that remains to be seen. While the Democrats scout the suggestion that later in this session, when it is seen that the fight is utterly hopeless, the compromise will be accepted, it is thought, by the Republican leaders, that such action is not impossible.

**MORGAN OFF TO CUBA
ON INSPECTION TOUR**

Is Accompanied By New
York Capitalists.

J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, accompanied by a party of New York capitalists, will pass through Washington tomorrow, en route to Havana.

Although they are endeavoring to keep their trip secret, it is known they are going to Cuba to personally investigate a large railroad proposition which has been presented to them.

The party will occupy five special cars secured from various Eastern roads and from the Pullman Company. They will arrive in Washington over the Pennsylvania road, but the management of all vana road, but the management of all vana road, where the distinguished party of financiers will take a steamer for Havana. The Southern is the more probable, as it is known they will sail from Miami, Fla., in a special boat chartered for their use.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad has been active in building railroads in Cuba, and it is rumored Morgan has a proposition under consideration which will give him financial control of all railroads operating in that island.

**APPROPRIATION BILL FOR
AGRICULTURE REPORTED**

Carries \$340,000 More Than the House
Measure.

The agricultural appropriation bill was reported yesterday by the Senate Committee on Agriculture. It carries \$340,000 more than the House bill, of which \$75,000 is for the Bureau of Forestry, \$50,000 for irrigation, and the remainder divided among other necessary improvements.

**GREAT BRITAIN TO TURN
OVER PRIZES AT PORT OF SPAIN**

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, B. W. I., Feb. 24.—The Venezuelan gunboat Zamora, manned by a crew from the British cruiser Pallua, will sail for La Guaira today with Venezuelan crews to man the prizes taken by the British, which will then probably be towed to La Guaira by a British cruiser.